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How to Avoid Plagiarizing

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What You Do Need to Docum

quotation.
Follow the guidelines in your writer's handbook to learn the various ways of introducing quotations. ALL

Examples of Summarizing, Paraphrasing and Quoting

Original text from the *Journal of Sport Management*:

One of the most contentious debates surrounding the indirect effects of athletics concerns its impact upon non-athletic gifts to universities. The major improvements of programs at Northwestern in 1995 and Georgia Tech in 1991 prompted speculation and some anecdotal evidence supporting the argument that athletic success contributes to additional general giving. However, this evidence and the proposition behind it has often met strong rebuttal.

The reasons behind the challenges are easy to understand; the likely impacts of athletics on general giving are much harder to unambiguously assess